

ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL
ANDERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Regular Meeting - May 16, 2000 - 6:00 p.m.

Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk to Council

MINUTES

All area newspapers, radio stations and television stations were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the *Freedom of Information Act*.

PRESENT

G. Fred Tolly - District #1
Gracie S. Floyd - District #2
Larry E. Greer - District #3
Vice Chairman Clint Wright - District #4
Chairman J. Mike Holden - District #5
Joey Preston - Administrator
Jim Price - County Attorney
Linda N. Gilstrap - Clerk to Council

The official meeting of the Anderson County Council convened in the Council Chambers of the Historic Courthouse on Tuesday, May 16, 2000 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Fred Tolly gave the invocation and everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag.

On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2000 meeting as mailed.

Public Comments: Mr. David Draisen of 212 Clarendon Subdivision spoke in opposition of the re-zoning change for property on 81 North (Merv Eptein

Property). Mr. Henry Spann of 203 Fox Creek Road asked Council to vote against the proposed commercial re-zoning request for property on 81 North in front of the entrance of Clarendon Subdivision. Mr. John Ware asked Council not to vote in favor of commercial re-zoning the area in front of Clarendon Subdivision. Ms. Ellen Ware lives in area off 81 across from Clarendon Subdivision also asked Council to not vote to re-zone the area commercial. Mr. Paul Spivey also talked about how difficult it was to get out of their subdivision onto 81 and asked that Council not approve the re-zoning of the property. Mr. Dixon Huiet of Fox Creek Road stated that he supported all the statements made on the re-zoning issue. Ms. Loretta Warder of Green Briar Road asked for traffic studies of Highway 81 before Council votes to re-zone commercial.

Mr. Fred Alexander, a member of the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee, along with County Council presented Census 2000 Slogan Contest winners with gift certificates from all five school districts.

Ms. Michelle McCollum, Regional 1 Coordinator for the S.C. National Heritage Corridor, gave a brief presentation on what is being done with the Heritage Corridor. She explained that the tourism industry is the fastest growing industry in the United States and worldwide. This generates over two trillion dollars to the global economy. Approximately two million seven hundred thousand-heritage corridor visitors really bring up the tax base and contribute 48 million in state and local taxes. She said that what the organization was trying to do is bring some of tourism dollars out of Myrtle Beach and into the rural areas of South Carolina. Heritage Tourism is motivated by visitors' interest in the culture, historic and natural amenities of the area. Ms. McCollum asked Council to consider an appropriation of \$18,000 for this heritage tourism. Mr. Tolly suggested that Ms. McCollum approach the Accommodations Tax people for possible funding. Council received as information.

Ms Elizabeth Ferri with the Foothills United Way thanked all the County Employees for their outstanding job of supporting the United Way. Over the past 4 years they've had an increase of 325% in their United Way campaign, she said.

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Capt. Mike Morton presented an award to the Council for the Employees of Anderson County for being the #1 Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army last Christmas. Over \$4,000 was raised. Capt. Morton has nominated Mr. Joey Preston as Volunteer of the Year.

Mr. Jerry Howard announced that Sargent Metal Fabricators plans to increase their investment in Anderson County for a minimum of \$5 million. He asked Council to approve Resolution #R2000-024 - a resolution identifying a project for a possible fee in lieu of taxes arrangement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina, and Sargent Metal Fabricators whereby, under certain conditions, Sargent Metal Fabricators will acquire, by construction and purchase, certain manufacturing facilities in Anderson County and Anderson County will execute fee-in-lieu of tax and lease agreement(s) and provide certain economic development inducements to Sargent Metal Fabricators and execute certain documents and enact certain further legislation for a project(s) involving not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) investment. Mr. Wright moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Tolly seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bob Strother, Executive Director of the Appalachian Council of Governments, presented a handout listing all their services available to Anderson County. He gave a brief explanation of their services and asked Council to continue to call on COG for their services in the future.

Mr. Michael Cunningham presented Lt. John Chambers as Employee of the Month of April 2000. Mr. Jerry Shealy explained that he nominated Lt. Chambers from the Compliance and Environmental Enforcement Departments as *Employee of the Month* because he is a dedicated worker. He was presented an Employee of the Month T-shirt, coffee mug, plaque, and gift certificate to a local restaurant. Council commended Lt. Chambers for a job well done.

Mr. Jim Price presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-017 - an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to adopt a zoning map in the Rock Mill voting precinct. He stated that the

referendum was held and a formal protest had been filed. He said that staff recommended that Council table the ordinance until the next meeting. Mr. Tolly moved to approve the ordinance to "get it on the floor" and Mr. Wright seconded. Mr. Greer moved to table the ordinance until the next meeting and Mr. Wright seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Price presented third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-021 - an ordinance to provide for the creation of the Gilmer Estates Special Tax District in Anderson County; to establish the nature of services to be performed therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the Special Tax District; to provide for the operation of the Special Tax District; and other matters related thereto. A public hearing was held; no comments were heard from the public. On the motion of Mr. Tolly, seconded by Wright, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on third reading as presented.

Mr. Greer moved to approve third and final reading of Ordinance #2000-020 - an ordinance to provide for the creation of the Private Road P-16-26 Special Tax District in Anderson County; to establish the nature of services to be performed therein; to designate the uniform service charge in the special tax district; to provide for the operation of the special tax district; and other matters related thereto and Mr. Tolly seconded. Mr. Greer stated that he had secured a petition from the residents on the road wishing to name it *Moore and Mackey Road*. Mr. Greer moved to amend the ordinance to include the naming of the Road "Moore and Mackey Road". Mr. Tolly seconded the amendment and vote was unanimous. Vote on the original motion as amended was unanimous.

Mr. Price presented Ordinance #2000-022 - an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Zoning Map to rezone 3.71 acres of property on the east side of North Highway 81 (address ranges 2122-2126), property fronting approximately 535+ on east side of North Highway 81 and 300'+ deep. Citizens Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission have recommended the approval

of this ordinance. Mr. Tolly moved to approve on third reading - Ordinance #2000-022 and Mr. Greer seconded. Ms. Floyd stated that Council needs to take a closer look at the procedures that were used; therefore, she then moved to table and Mr. Wright seconded. Ms. Floyd said that this was the first ordinance on zoning that the County implemented all the procedures for zoning. Vote to table was four in favor (Tolly, Floyd, Wright, and Greer) and one abstention (Holden). Motion carried. Mr. Greer asked for some explanation on what procedures might have not been followed. Mr. Ricketson came up and explained that in the zoning ordinance when someone comes in and submits an application to zone a piece of property, the County is required to go out and post the signs at least 18 days in advance and the County did this at Mr. Epteins' request. The County did fail to carry out the ordinance in the notification letters. The ordinance calls for notification letters to residents within 1,000' to be sent out 18 days in advance. The letter was sent out to 36 individuals within 1,000' but it was 12 days prior to the Planning Commission's public hearing and not the 18 days. The County will determine what needs to be done to adequately notify the residents. Mr. Ricketson stated that they will advertise for another public hearing for the Planning Commission, another set of letters will be sent out notifying them of the Zoning Advisory Board meeting on the first Wednesday of June (June 7 at 5:00 p.m.). The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on this the following, Tuesday, which is June 11 at 6:30 p.m. Then Council can consider third reading on June 20, 2000. Ms. Floyd asked that the Zoning Advisory Board meet at 5:30 p.m. instead of 3:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mr. Ricketson agreed and also said that he would like to send back the Collins' request and the Epteins' request.

Mr. Holden opened a public hearing for second reading of Ordinance #2000-019 - an ordinance to adopt the operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, and to make appropriations for such Anderson County budgets for County ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the County may levy a tax other than for Tri-County Technical College purposes; to provide for the levy of taxes on all

taxable personal and real estate properties in Anderson County for such county ordinary purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of the operating and capital budgets of Anderson County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, and to make appropriations for such Anderson County Budgets, for Tri-County Technical College; to provide for the levy of taxes on all person and real properties in Anderson County on which school tax may be levied for such Tri-County Technical College purposes; to provide for the levy, assessment, and collection of expenditure of said taxes and other revenues coming to the county during said fiscal year; and to provide for other matters relating to Anderson County. During the public hearing Mr. Rufus Gleason stated that Council needed to give Mr. Preston money for a sound system in the Chambers because he has not been able to hear the entire meeting. He asked Council to try to find the things in Anderson County that will help the citizens who are trying to get by. No further citizens wished to speak; the public hearing was declared closed. Mr. Preston recommended approval of second reading of the budget. Mr. Tolly moved to approve Ordinance #2000-019 and Mr. Greer seconded. Mr. Greer stated that he has spent many hours going through the budget. Mr. Preston responded to Mr. Gleason's statement. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jim Price presented first reading of Ordinance #2000-027 - an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, The Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to adopt a zoning map in the Rock Spring Voting precinct. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimous to approve first reading.

Mr. Price presented first reading of Ordinance #2000-028 - an ordinance amending Ordinance #99-004, the Anderson County Zoning Ordinance, as adopted July 20, 1999, by amending the Anderson County Official Zoning Map to adopt a zoning map in the Mount Tabor voting precinct. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on first reading.

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Mr. Price presented Resolution #R2000-025 - a resolution imposing a building permit moratorium in the Rock Spring Voting Precinct, Anderson County, South Carolina; and other matters pertaining thereto. On the motion of Mr. Greer, seconded by Ms. Floyd, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Price presented Resolution #R2000-026 - a resolution imposing a building permit moratorium in the Mount Tabor Voting Precinct, Anderson County, South Carolina; and other matters pertaining thereto. On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Tolly, Council voted unanimously to approve the resolution as presented.

Mr. Wright appointed the following individuals to the Five Forks Advisory Board: Ms. Nancy Cannon, Mr. Paul Rummage and Mr. Mark Coats. Mr. Tolly seconded the appointments and vote was unanimous.

The appointment for the Council of Governments Board was deferred until a later date.

Ms. Floyd withdrew agenda item #12 (a) After School Program.

Mr. Wright moved to add a project in the Town of Pendleton to the paving contract for paving of a parking area for the Pendleton Public Works in the amount of \$11,470.00. This is a shared project with the Town of Pendleton. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Wright moved to appropriate \$1,500 of District #4 Parks and Recreation money for the Pendleton Community Recreation Club for summer children's program in the Community. Mr. Greer seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer explained that due to the widening of Highway 81, the Starr Fire Department had to be totally relocated. He moved that the County Road Maintenance Department pave the area at a cost of \$24,170 from District #3

Paving Funds. Mr. Tolly seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Greer moved to appropriate \$1,000 from District #3 Parks & Recreation funds for the creation of a Boys and Girls Club in the Town of Iva. The Salvation Army has the funds in place to actually build this project to meet the needs of the under privileged children in that area. This appropriation would be contingent upon that the project is developed. Mr. Wright seconded and vote was unanimous.

On the motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Greer, Council voted unanimously to approve the new paving bid from Vulcan Materials for \$1,353,516.20 (low bid) this is approximately \$36.90 per ton. This includes all driveway aprons.

Ms. Floyd asked that Mr. Preston purchase a new podium microphone for the other side of the chambers.

Mr. Greer encouraged everyone to fill out a census form and be counted.

Mr. Wright stated that the zoning map was not set in stone and that maybe through an education process the citizens can be a part of process to understand exactly what it does.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

(a) Certificates and Training:

1. Ms. Laura A. Johnson - IS-120 Community Disaster Exercises
2. Mr. Joshua D. Barrett, Mr. Michael W. Blackwelder, Ms. Sonji Y. Freeman, Mr. Craig A. Holbrooks, Mr. Erik B. Nubern, Mr. Bradley C. Roberts, Ms. Karen L. Sigmon, Ms. Patricia D. Spelts- Basic Telecommunicator Training
3. Mr. Joshua M. Taylor, Mr. John E. Chambers - Basic State Constable Training
4. Ms. Beverly D. Oliver - Basic 911 Telecommunications

(b) Public Safety Training

(c) Letters of Appreciation:

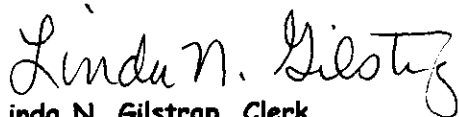
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1. For: Anderson County Detention Center Employees From: Ms. Lois Hansen, RD, DHEC
 2. For: Anderson County Sports & Entertainment Center Employees From: Mr. Scott Arbena
 3. For: Lt. Pam Garner and the Dispatch Staff From: Ms. Terri Abernathy with the Anderson County Disabilities and Special Needs Board
 4. For: Ms. Karolyn Pinson, From: Ms. Joan Scott, Coordinator Anderson County OMEGA Project
 5. For: Ms. Rita Davis, Ms. Jana Pressley, Mr. Jason Phillips, Ms. Miriam Hanks, Ms. Janet Wagner, Mr. Frank Spear, Ms. Sandy Ashworth, Mr. Charles Wyatt, Mr. Dan Brawley, Mr. Todd McCormick, Mr. Mike Freeman, Mr. Chuck Watkins, Ms. Nancy Harris, Mrs. Karolyn Pinson From: Ms. Gina Smith-Dahle
- (d) Minutes:
1. Anderson County Partnership Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 2. Department of Public Works Safety Meeting - May 5, 2000
- (e) Reports:
1. Inmate Litter Report - April 24--28, 2000
 2. Inmate Litter Report - May 1-5, 2000
 3. Recreation Fund Report
- (f) Sports and Entertainment Center's Calendar of Events
- (g) Rock Spring and Mt. Tabor's Petitions certified
- (h) Anderson County-Freedom Weekend Aloft Operational Plan
- (i) Rock Mill Zoning Referendum results

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda N. Gilstrap, Clerk

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